evolved in pulses have got narrow adaptability and, therefore, the farmer has to manage within the limited range of varieties for different seasons and agro-climatic conditions.

(v) The production of pulses in summer is affected by stray cattle and Blue Bull, which damage pulse crops such as Arhar, moong and urad more than any other crop.

(d) To enhance the pulse production in the country, pulses have been brought under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses. A scheme of National Pulses Development Project is being implemented for this purpose. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided for critical inputs like production & distribution of seeds, seed minikits, improved farm implements rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients, Integrated Pest Management and distribution of sprinkler sets etc. In addition, frontline and block demonstrations are also organised on farmers' fields for transfer of technology.

Assistance for Milk Supply Scheme in Assam

318. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have extended any assistance for ensuring supply of healthy milk to the urban population of different States in North-East in general and Assam in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India has approved Integrated Dairy Development Projects (IDDP) in all states of North East for overall development of dairying in the region. The projects also envisage hygienic processing and marketing of milk for urban consumers.

A statement giving list of projects approved, year of approval and total approved outlays is enclosed.

Statement

Statement indicating year of approval and approved outlays of Integrated Dairy Development Projects sanctioned in North Eastern states

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Project	Year of Approval	Approved outlay Amount in Rs. Lakh
1.	Arunachal	I	1993-94	458.50
2.	Assam	I	1994-95	1260.76
3.	Manipur	I	1993-94	224.10
4.	Meghalaya	I	1994-95	141.29
5.	Mizoram	I	1993-94	367.99
	Mizoram	II	1995-96	349.19
6.	Nagaland	I	1993-94	668.22
	Nagaland	II	1998-99	347.49
7.	Tripura	I	1993-94	304.90
	Tripura	II	1994-95	319.51
	TOTAL			4441.95